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RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA

The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Sixtieth Ordinary Session in Tunis, Tunisia, from 6 to 11 June, 1994,

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in

Rwanda,

**Having also considered** the relevant parts of the Introductory Note to the report of the Secretary-General as contained in Document CM/1825 (LX) Part I, as well as the report of the Ministerial Committee set up by the Sixtieth Session of Council on the situation in Rwanda,

**Gravely concerned** over the continuation of the massacres and killing of innocent civilians in Rwanda,

**Equally concerned** over the continued hostilities between the Government forces and those of the Rwandese Patriotic Front,

**Recalling** the Communique issued by the Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and resolution in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 28 April 1994, on the massacres and wanton killings in Rwanda and the responsibility of the perpetrators under international law,

**Taking note** of the United Nations Security Council resolution 925 (1994) of 8th

June, 1994,

**Stressing the urgent** need to put an immediate end to the massacres and systematic killing and to bring about an immediate cessation of hostilities,

**Conscious** of the continued relevance and significance of the Arusha Peace Agreement within the context of bringing about a political solution to the Rwanda conflict,

**Gravely concerned** at the humanitarian catastrophe facing Rwanda including the presence of hundreds of thousands of Rwandese refugee in neighbouring countries as well as millions of internally displaced persons,

**Expressing deep appreciation** to the neighbouring countries, the United Nations Agencies as well as Non-Governmental Organizations for the humanitarian assistance provided to the refugees and the internally displaced persons:

1. **WELCOMES** the report of the Secretary-General and **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the report of the Ministerial Committee on the situation in Rwanda;
2. **STRONGLY** condemns the massacres and systematic killings which have taken place and continue to take place in Rwanda, and calls for an end to these heinous crimes which constitute a crime against humanity;
3. **SUPPORTS** the call of the Central organ for the perpetrators to be identified, tried and punished in accordance with international law;
4. **CALLS** for an immediate cessation of hostilities and establishment of a ceasefire;
5. **URGES** the Parties in conflict to put an immediate end to any and all propaganda through the mass media and any other channel which incites the population and perpetuates a climate of hatred and fear in the country and to encourage national reconciliation and national concord;
6. **REAFFIRMS** that the Arusha Peace Agreement constitutes the basis for a lasting solution to the conflict in Rwanda;
7. **REAFFIRMS** Africa’s preparedness to contribute troops to UNAMIR II and, in this connection, **TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION** the pledges and contributions already made by a number of African countries;
8. **APPEALS** to the International Community to provide the United Nations with the necessary financial and logistical resources to facilitate the quick and effective deployment of the UNAMIR II;
9. **APPEALS** to the International Community to provide urgently increased and adequate humanitarian assistance to the refugees and to the internally displaced persons in Rwanda;
10. **REQUESTS** the Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution working very closely with the Mediator, the Facilitator and the leaders of the region to follow the situation closely with a view to ending the massacres and the hostilities in order to create the necessary conductive environment for the implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement;
11. **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to continue to follow closely the situation in Rwanda and to report on the implementation of this resolution.